

DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Texas Department of Public Safety

For Immediate Release:

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS:
EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Austin, TX – The Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Public Safety urges Texas to prepare for severe storms before they strike. Your family should have an emergency supply kit on hand, maintaining supplies in water resistant, easy-to-lift containers you can move rapidly if necessary. This supply kit is appropriate for severe weather events and other emergencies as well. It should include:

- ✓ First-aid kit
- ✓ Cash (power outages mean banks and ATMs may be unavailable)
- ✓ Battery-operated radio
- ✓ Flashlight with extra batteries
- ✓ Important documents and records, photo IDS, proof of resident
- ✓ 3-day supply of non-perishable food, one gallon of bottled water per person per day, coolers for food and ice storage
- ✓ Fire extinguisher
- ✓ Blankets, sleeping bags and extra clothing
- ✓ Extra prescription medications, extra written copies of prescriptions, hearing aids, other special medical items
- ✓ Eyeglasses and sunglasses
- ✓ Extra keys
- ✓ Toilet paper, clean-up supplies, duct tape, tarp, rope
- ✓ Can opener, knife, tools
- ✓ Booster cables, road maps
- ✓ Special supplies needed for babies, older adults or pets

Remember to change perishable supplies and water ever six months.

For more information about Severe Weather Awareness Week, see the Division of Emergency Management Web site: www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

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